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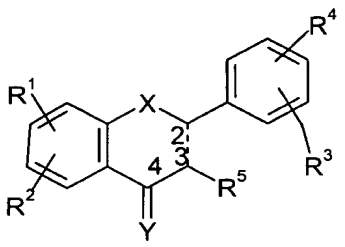

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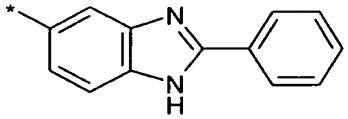

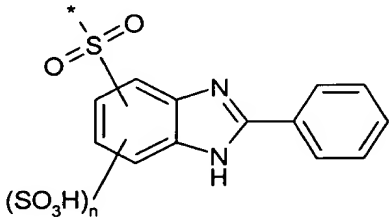

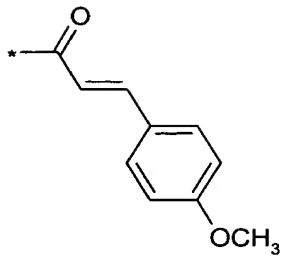

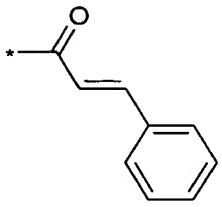

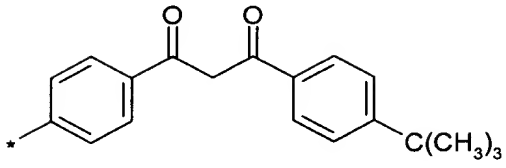

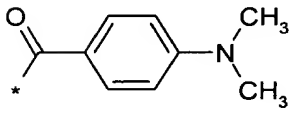

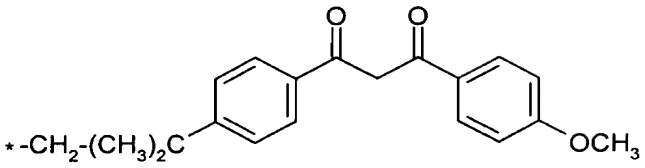

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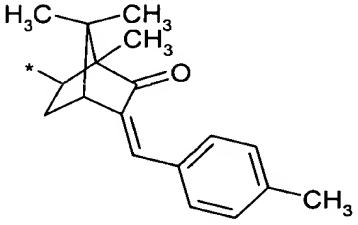

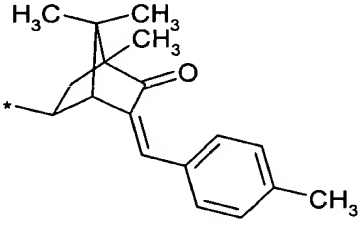

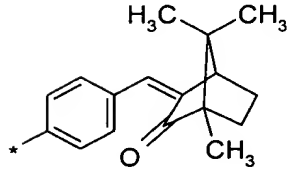

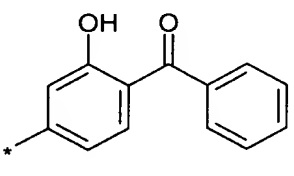

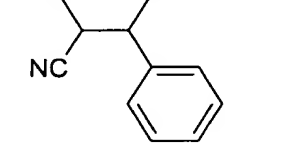

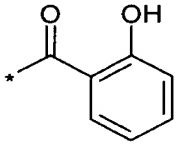

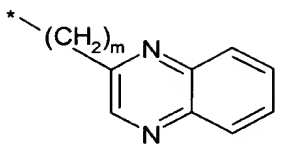

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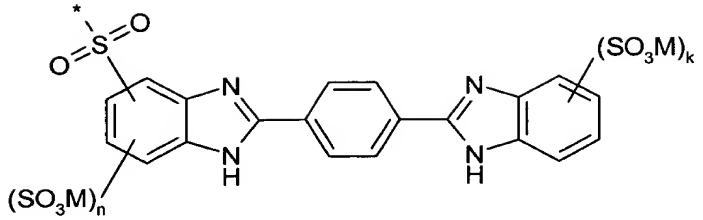

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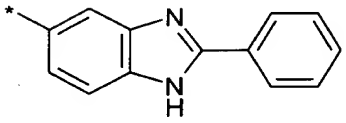

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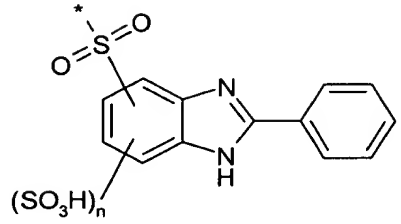

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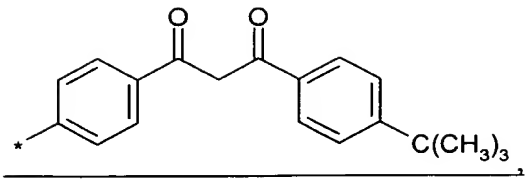

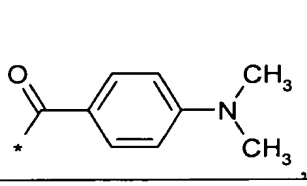

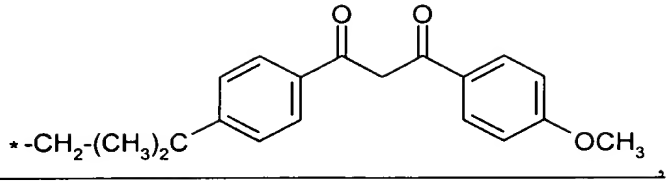

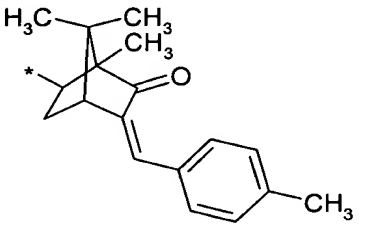

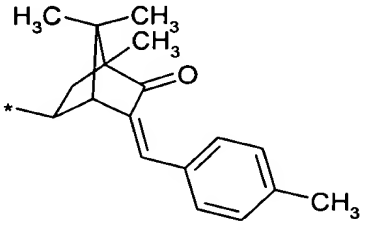

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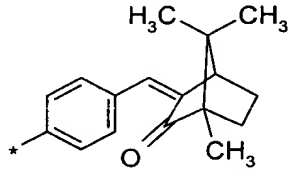

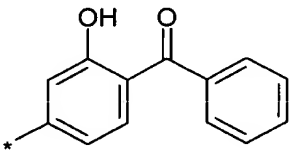

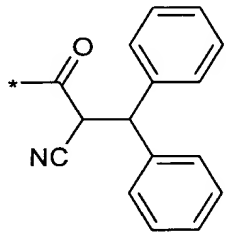

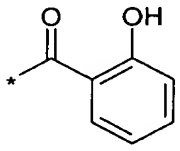

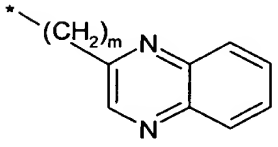

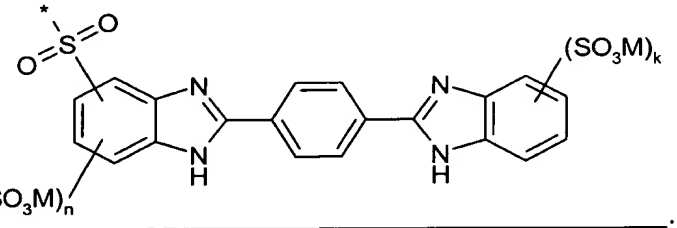

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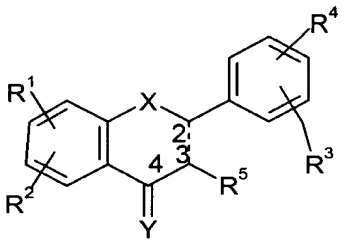

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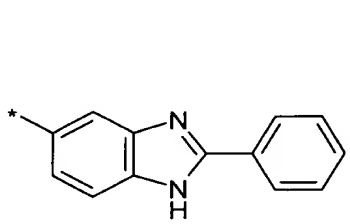

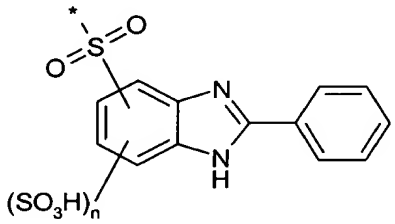

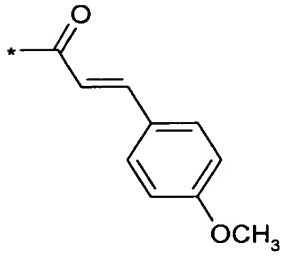

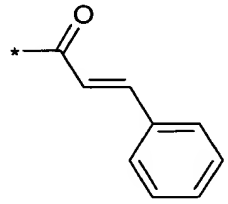

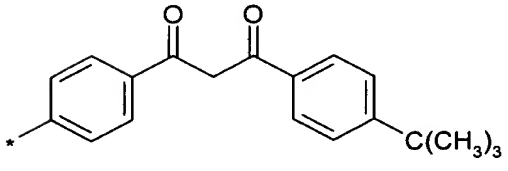

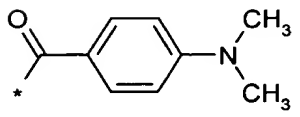

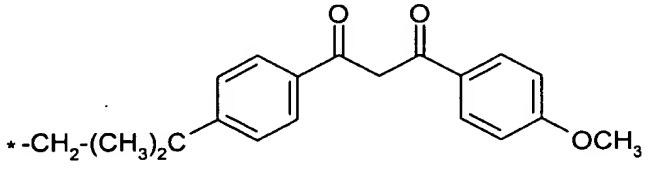

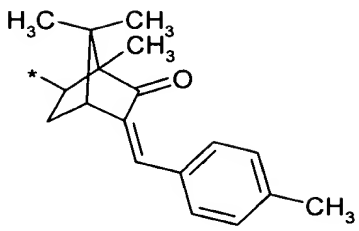
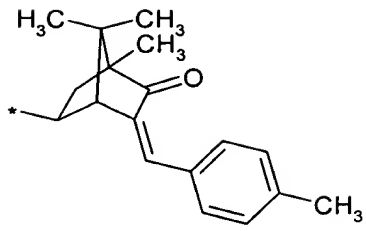
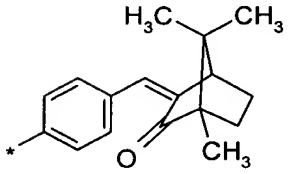
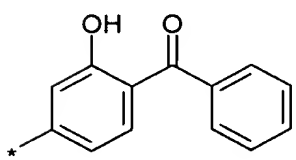
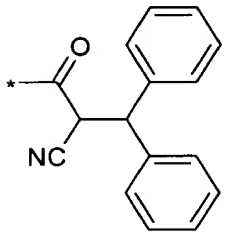
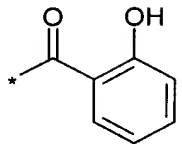

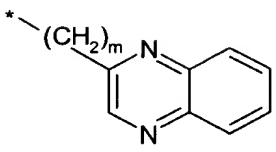

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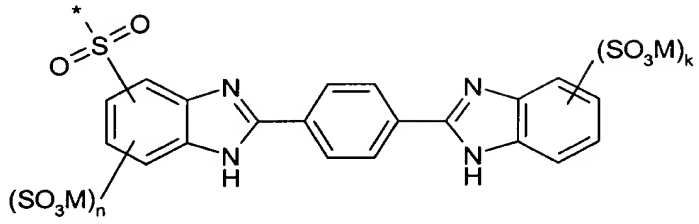

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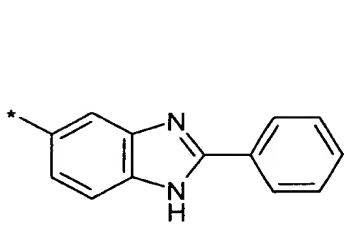

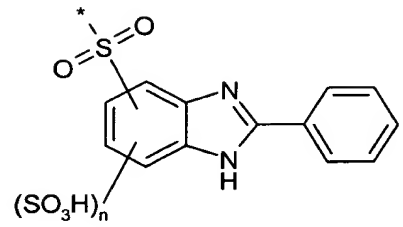

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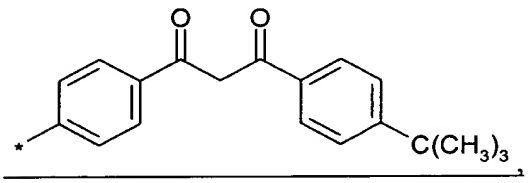

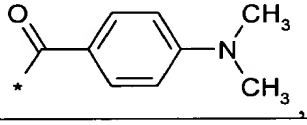

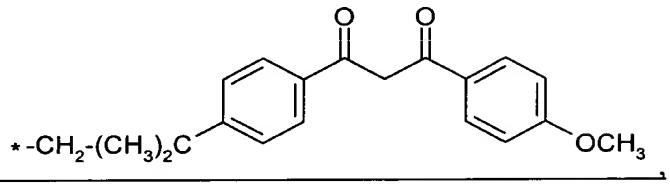

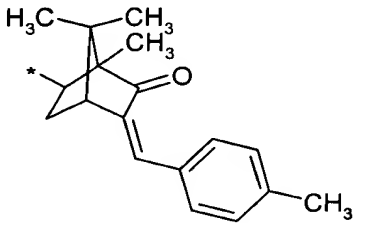

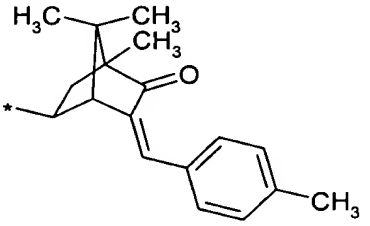

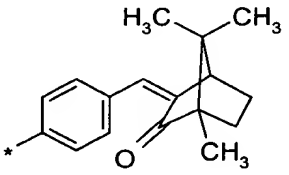

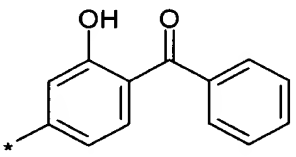

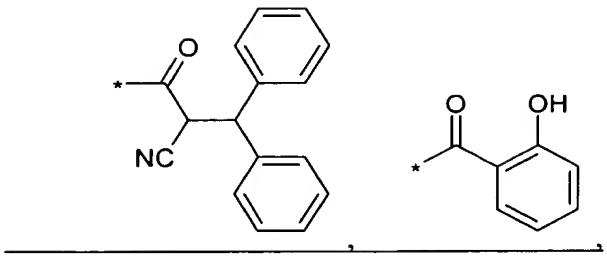

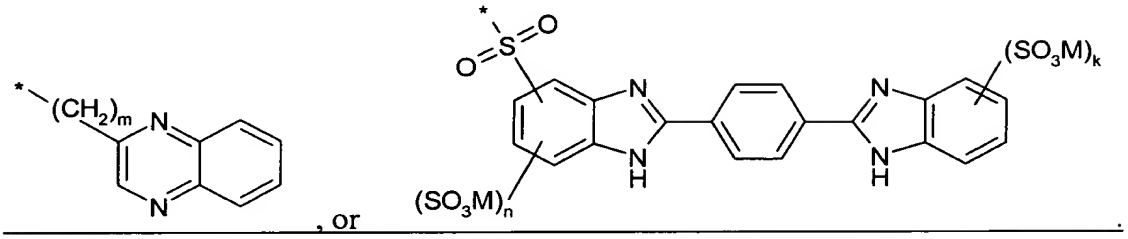

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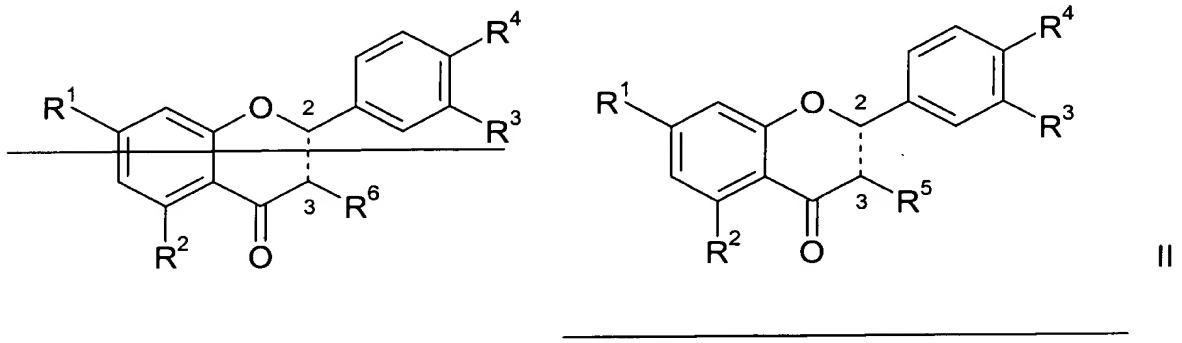
3. (Presently Amended): A compound according to Claim 1, wherein said compound is of formula II



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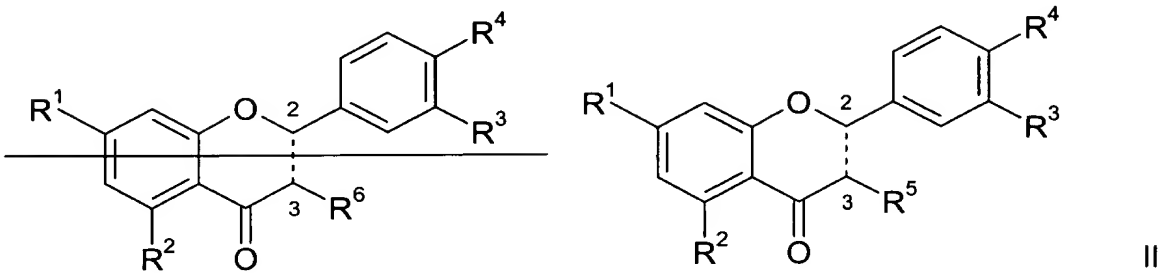
4. (Presently Amended): A compound according to Claim 2, wherein said compound is of formula II



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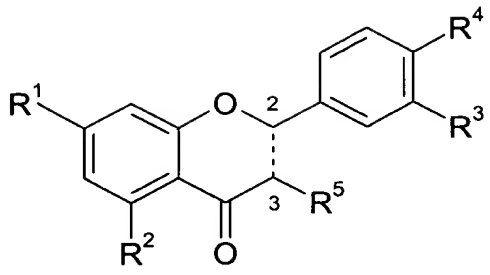
5. (Original): In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound according to Claim 1.

6. (Original): In a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound according to Claim 2.

7. (Presently Amended): A ~~In a~~ cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation ~~comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound~~ according to Claim 5 ~~3.~~ wherein said compound is of formula II



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8. (Presently Amended): A ~~In a~~ cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation ~~comprising an active ingredient and a physiologically acceptable carrier, the improvement wherein said formulation comprises at least one compound~~ according to Claim 6 ~~4.~~ wherein said compound is of formula II

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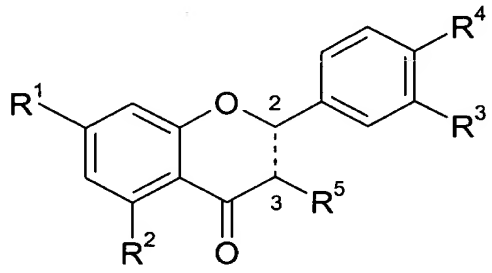

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9. (Original): A cosmetic formulation according to Claim 5, where the formulation comprises one or more additional UV filters and/or antioxidants.

10. (Original): A cosmetic formulation according to Claim 6, where the formulation comprises one or more additional UV filters and/or antioxidants.

11. (Presently Amended): A method for protecting the body's cells of a patient against oxidative stress, ~~in particular for reducing skin ageing,~~ comprising administering to said patient a formulation according to claim 5.

12. (Presently Amended): A method for protecting the body's cells of a patient against oxidative stress, ~~in particular for reducing skin ageing,~~ comprising administering to said patient a formulation according to claim 6.

13. (Presently Amended): An enriched foodstuff comprising a foodstuff and at least one compound ~~according to Claim 1~~ of the formula I

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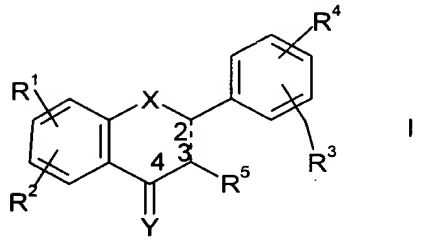

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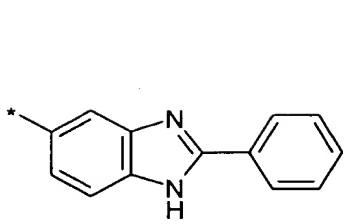

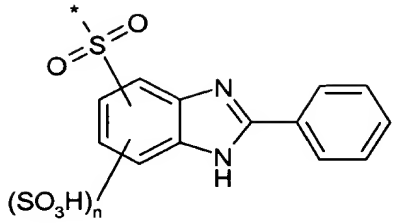

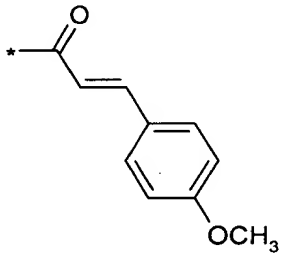

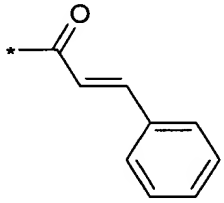

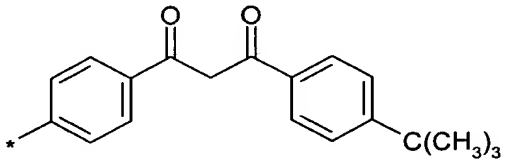

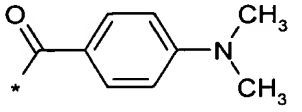

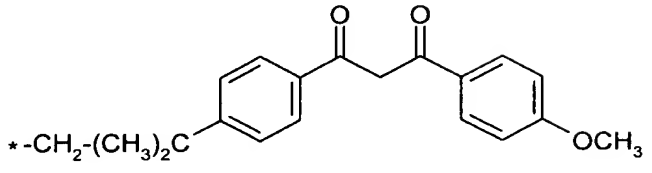

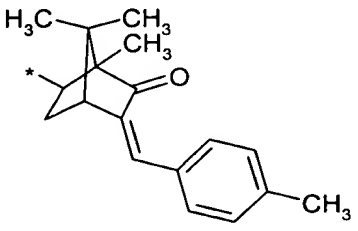

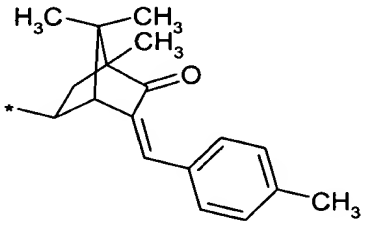

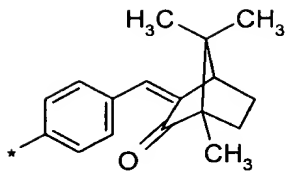

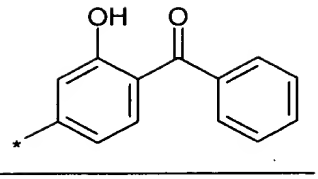

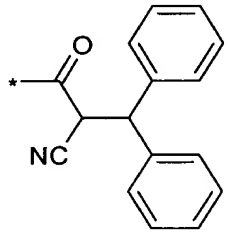

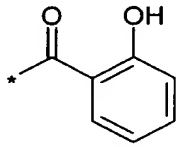

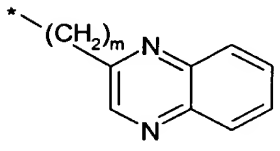

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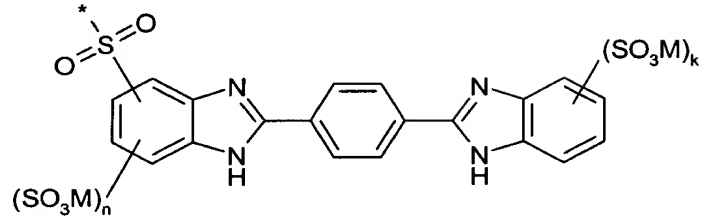

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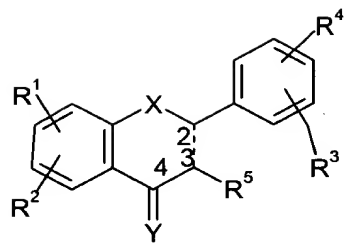
k is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

M is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 or R^5 is –OA.

14. (Presently Amended): An enriched foodstuff comprising a foodstuff and at least one compound ~~according to Claim 2~~ of formula I



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R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and R^5 may be identical or different and independently of one another are –H, -OH, –OA, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

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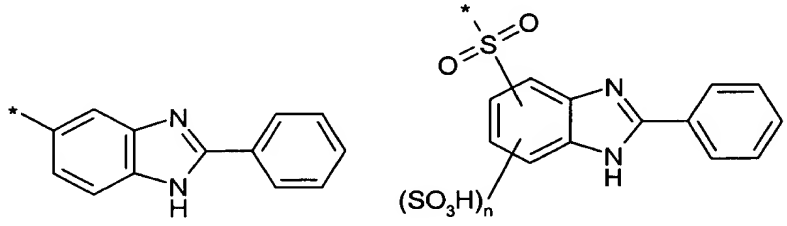

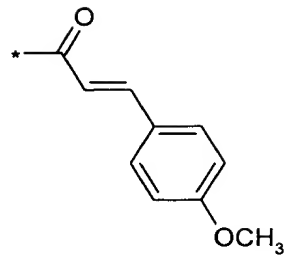
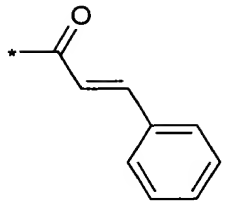

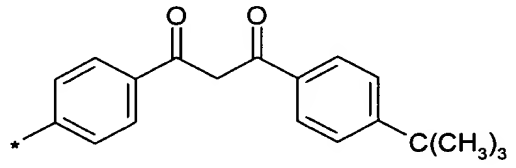

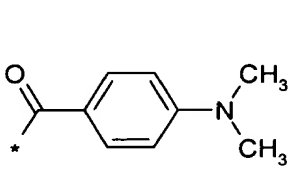
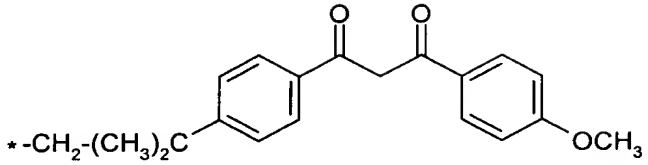

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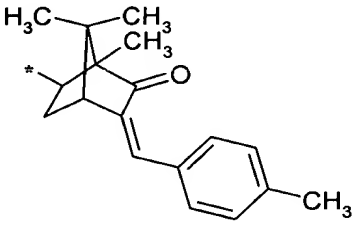
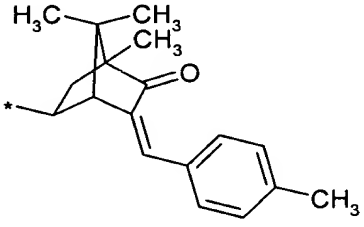

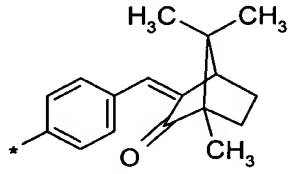
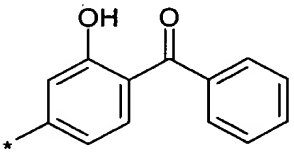

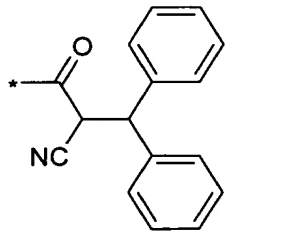
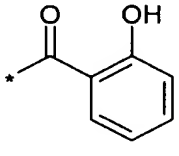

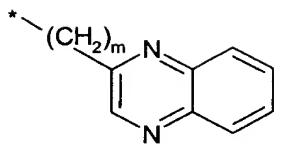

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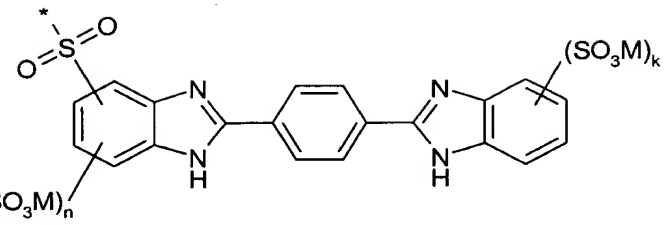

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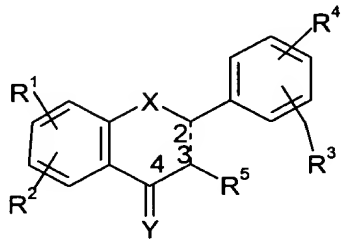
15. (Presently Amended): In a method of preparing a medicament comprising combining an active ingredient with a carrier, the improvement wherein said medicament contains an antioxidant effective amount of a ~~A~~ compound according to Claim 1 ~~as medicaments~~.

16. (Presently Amended): In a method of preparing a medicament comprising combining an active ingredient with a carrier, the improvement wherein said medicament contains an antioxidant effective amount of a ~~A~~ compound according to Claim 2 ~~as medicaments~~.

17. (Presently Amended): In a method of treating a patient ~~Use of a compound according to Claim 2 for the preparation of a medicament~~ against oxidative stress~~, in~~

~~particular for reducing skin ageing~~ the improvement comprising administering to said patient a compound of formula I



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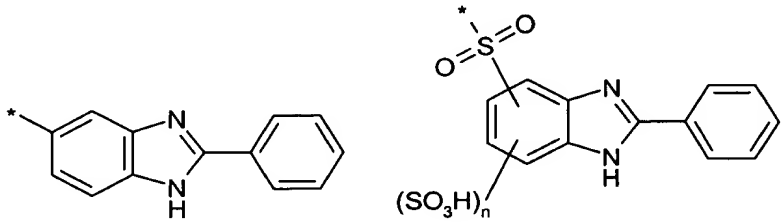

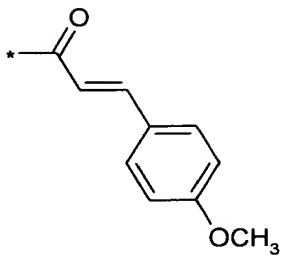
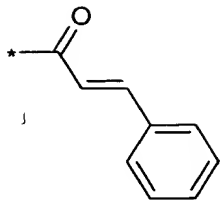

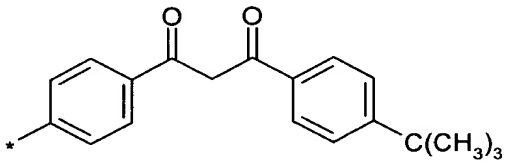

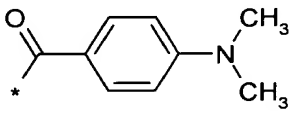
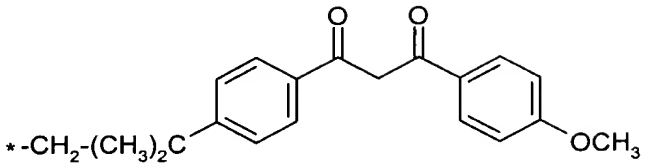

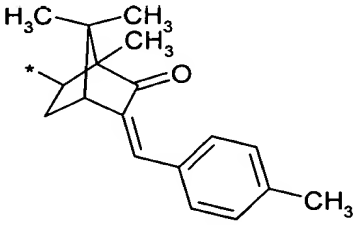
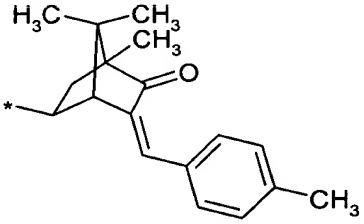

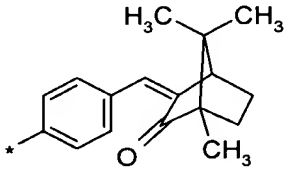
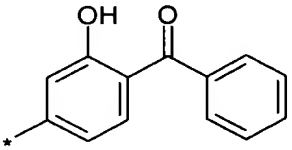

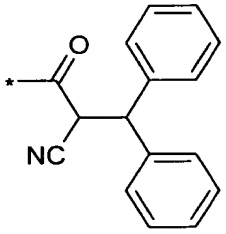
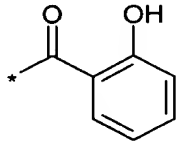

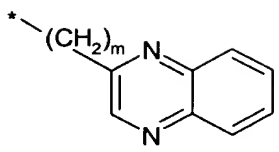

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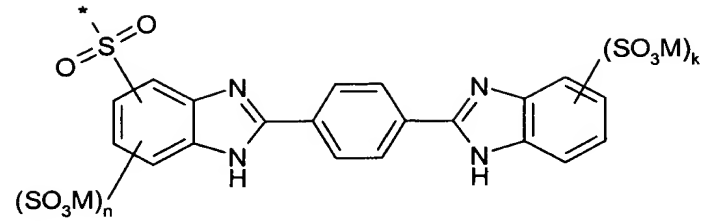

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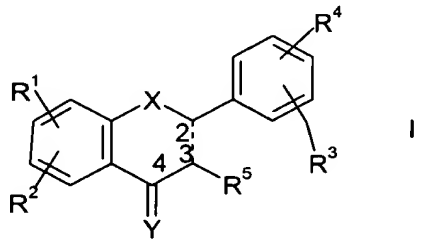
18. (Presently Amended): In a method of treating a patient ~~Use of a compound according to Claim 2 for the preparation of a medicament~~ for ~~the treatment of~~ inflammations or allergic reactions, the improvement comprising administering to said patient a compound of formula I



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where

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Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

R^1 and R^2, and R^3 and R^4 may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and R^5 may be identical or different and independently of one another are –H, -OH, –OA, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

A is a group which absorbs UV radiation selected from:

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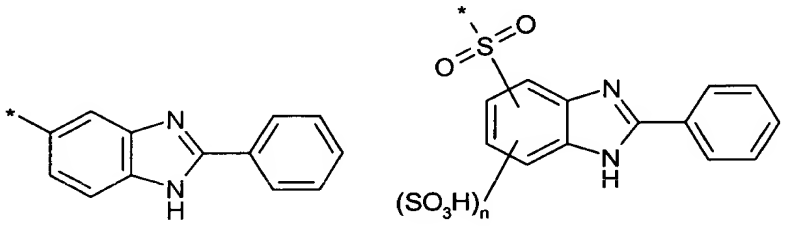

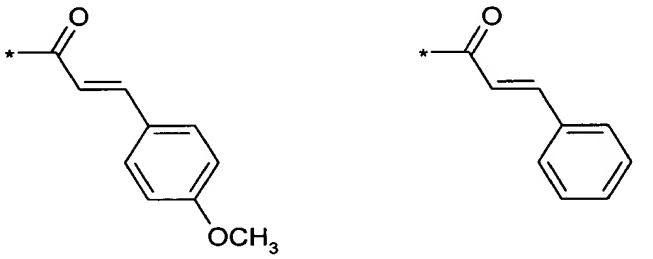

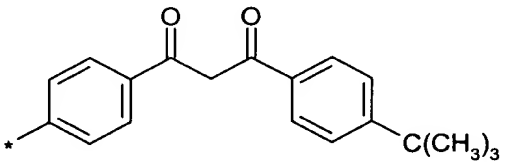

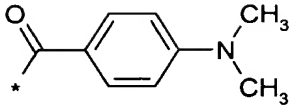

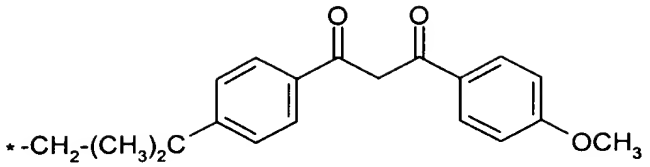

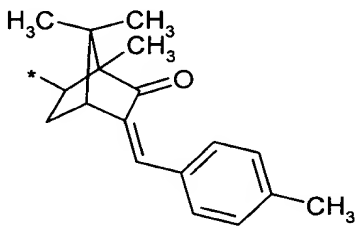

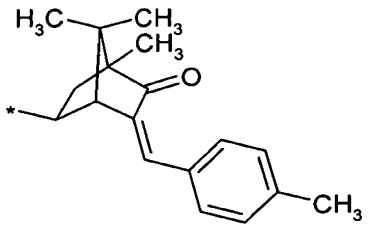

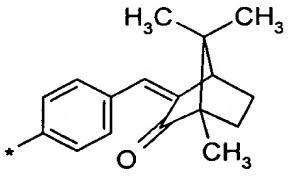

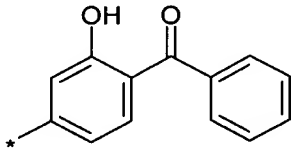

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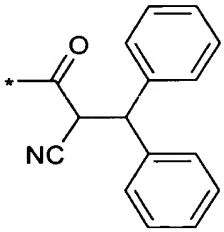

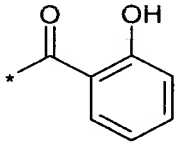

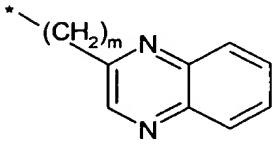

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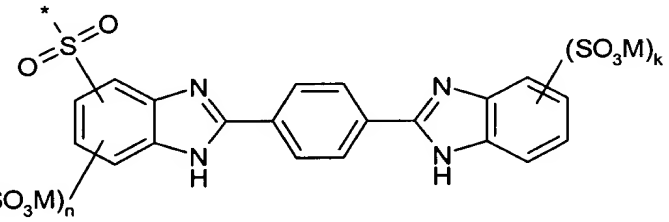


wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

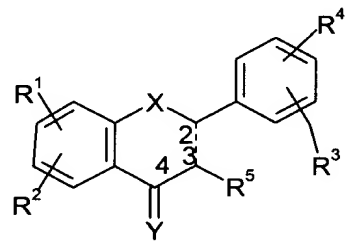
m is 0 or 1,

k is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

M is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 or R^5 is –OA.

19. (Presently Amended): In a method of providing a cosmetic formulation with antioxidant properties, the improvement wherein ~~Use of~~ a compound ~~according to Claim~~ 2 of formula I is added to said cosmetic formulation as an antioxidant~~, in particular for cosmetic formulations~~



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where

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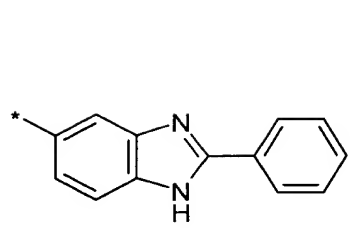

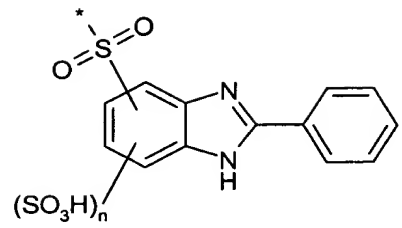

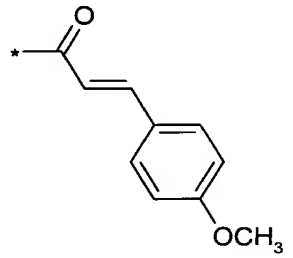

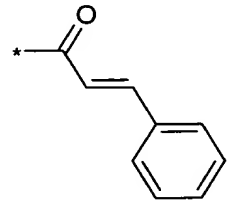

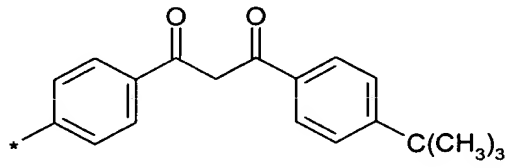

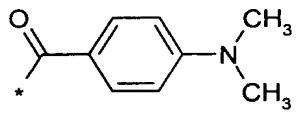

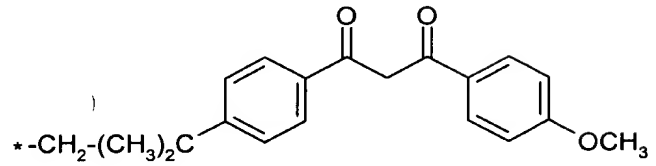

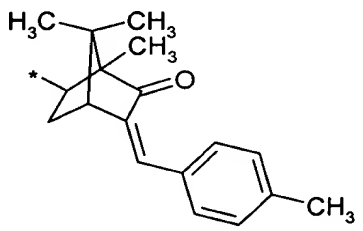

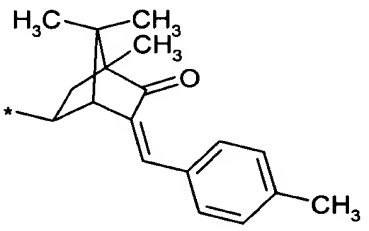

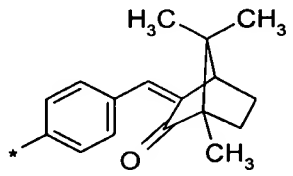

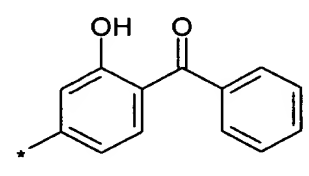

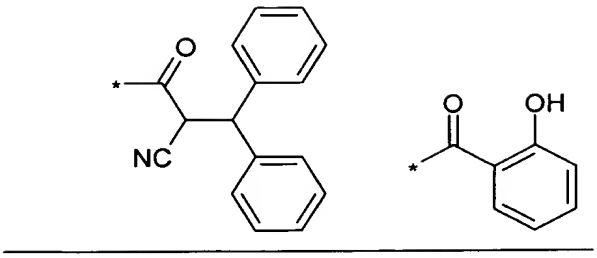

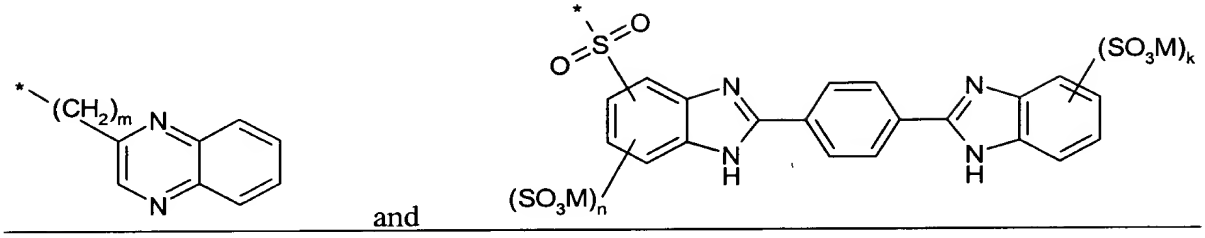

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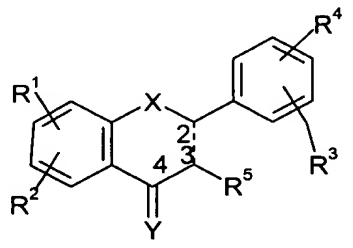
20. (Presently Amended): In a method of stabilizing a UV filter, the improvement wherein a compound ~~Use of compounds according to Claim 2~~ of formula I is used to stabilize the UV filter ~~for the stabilization of UV filters, in particular dibenzoylmethane and derivatives of dibenzoylmethane~~



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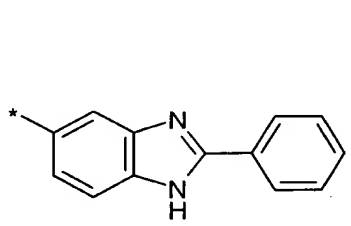

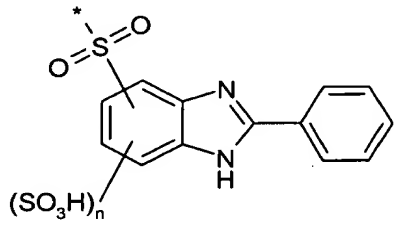

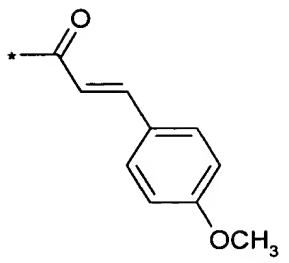
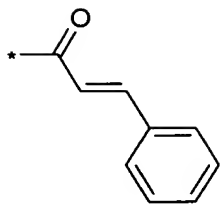

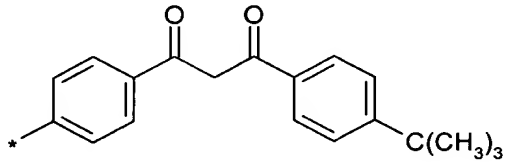

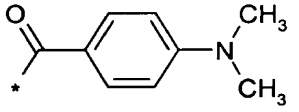
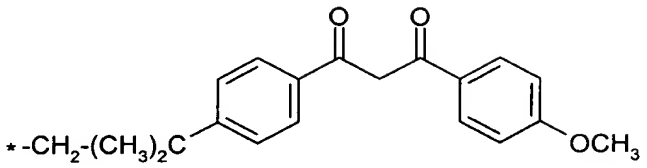

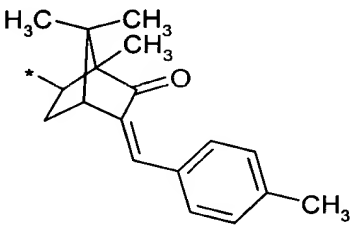
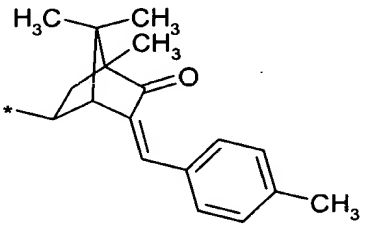

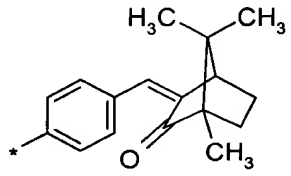
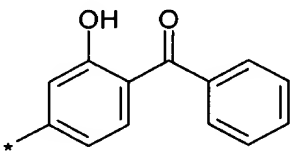

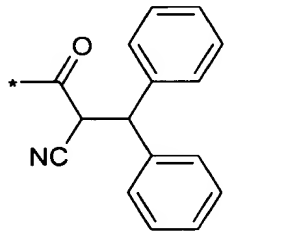
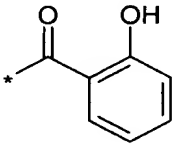

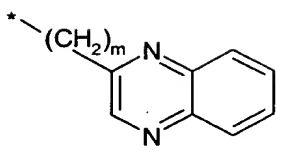

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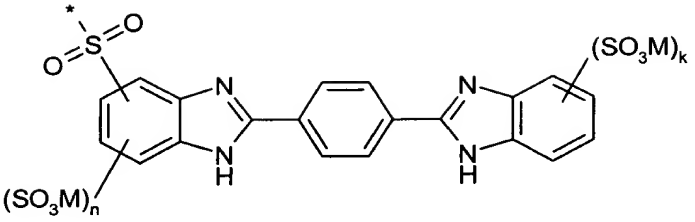

wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

m is 0 or 1,

k is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

M is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 or R^5 is –OA.

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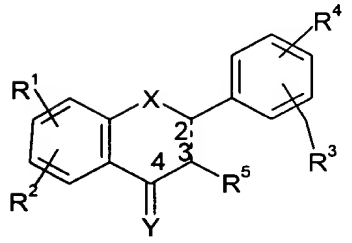
21. (Previously Presented): A compound according to claim 1, wherein X is O.

22. (New): A compound of the formula I



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where

X is O, S or NH;

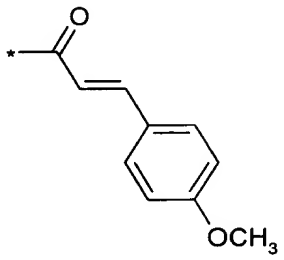
Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

R^1 and R^2, and R^3 and R^4 may be provided at any positions on the ring, and also

R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and R^5 may be identical or different and independently of one another are –H, -OH or –OA; and

A is



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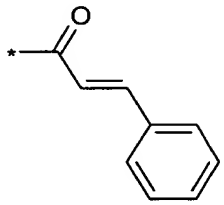

wherein at least two of the groups R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 or R^5 are each –OA .

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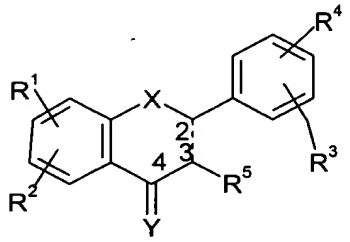

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R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 and R^5 may be identical or different and independently of one another are –H, -OH, –OA, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group ise bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom andthe alkyl chain is op[tionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical; and

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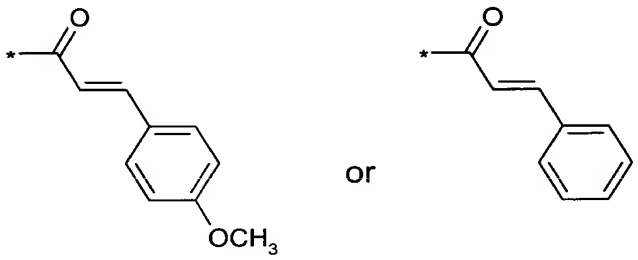
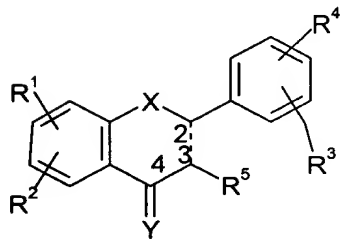


and at least two of the groups R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 or R^5 are each –OA .

24. (New): In a method of treating a patient against oxidative stress, the improvement comprising administering to said patient a compound of the formula I



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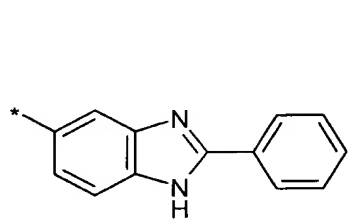

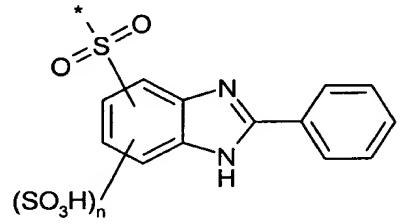

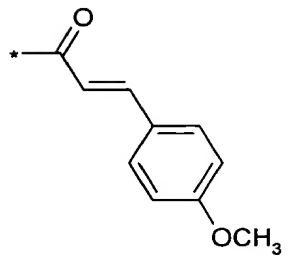

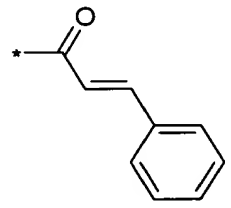

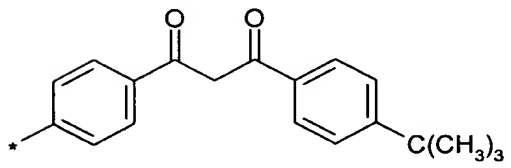

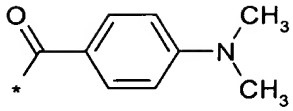

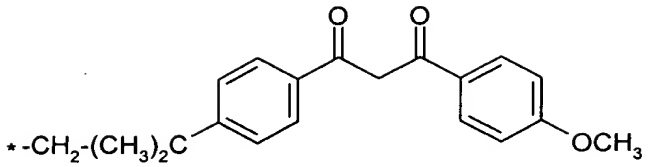

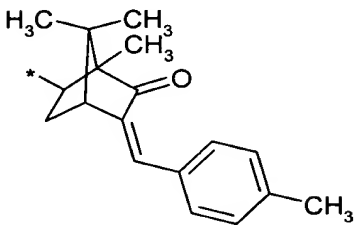

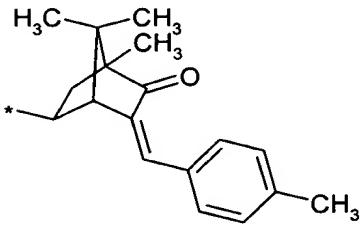

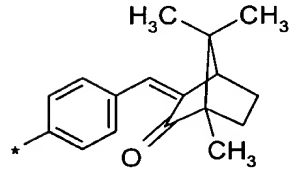

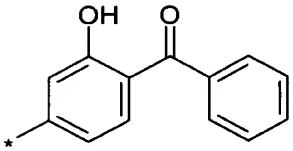

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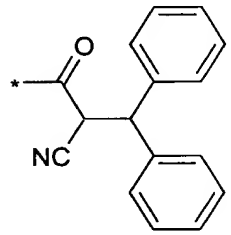

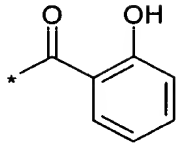

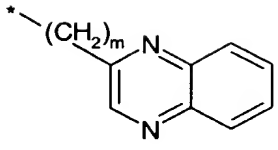

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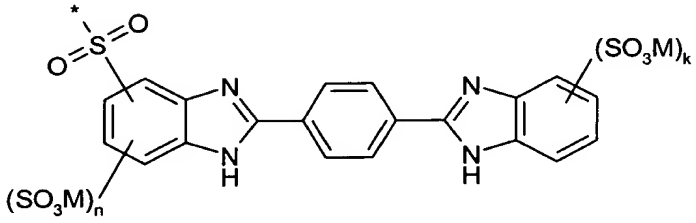

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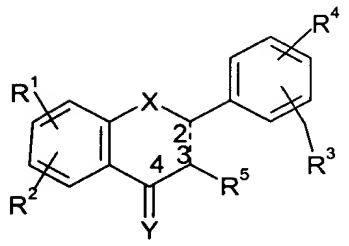
25. (New): In a method of treating a patient for inflammations or allergic reactions, the improvement comprising administering to said patient a compound of the formula I



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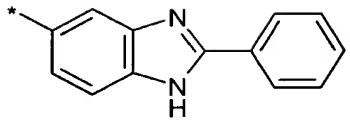

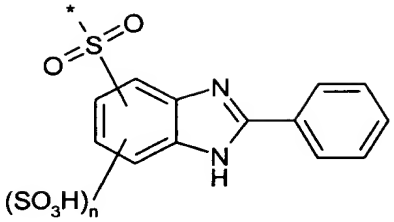

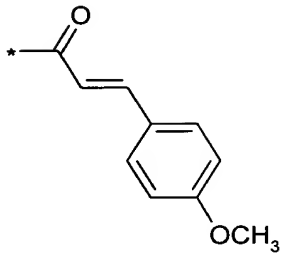

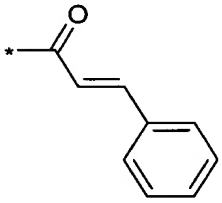

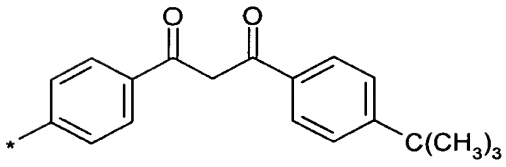

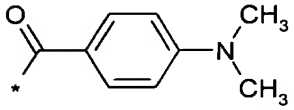

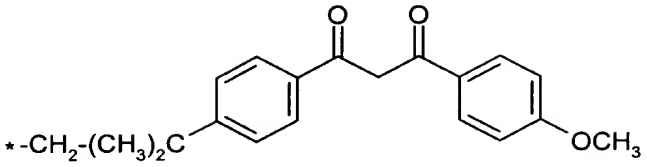

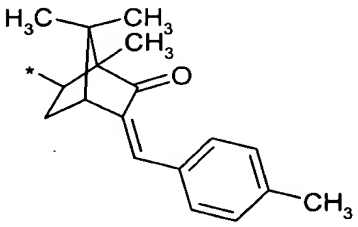

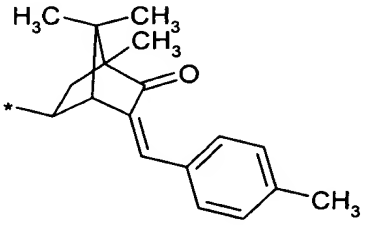

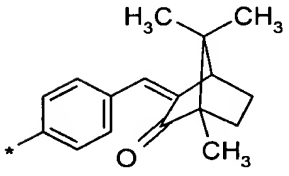

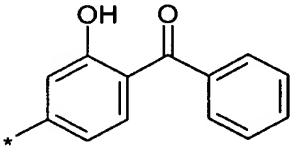

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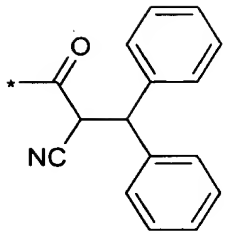

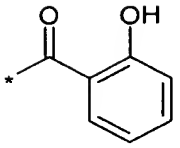

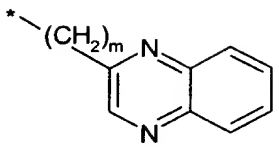

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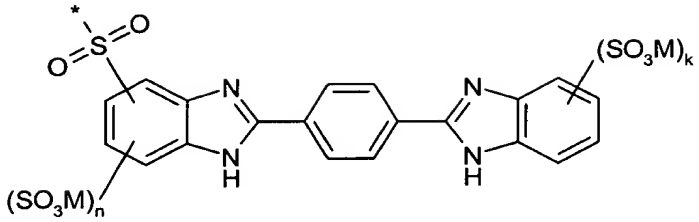

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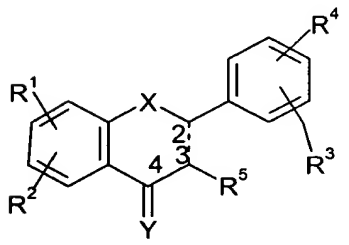
26. (New): In a method of providing a cosmetic formulation with antioxidant properties, the improvement wherein a compound of formula I is added to said cosmetic formulation as an antioxidant



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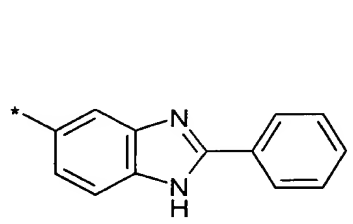

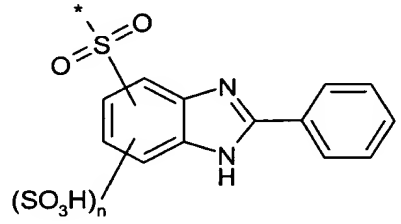

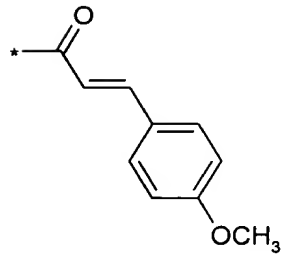

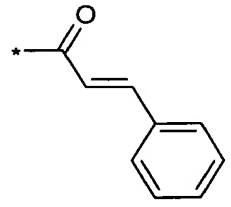

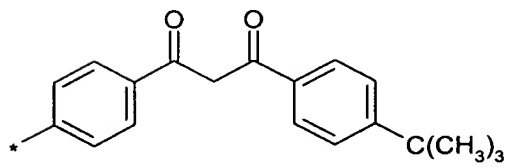

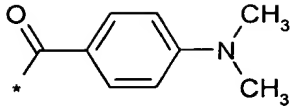

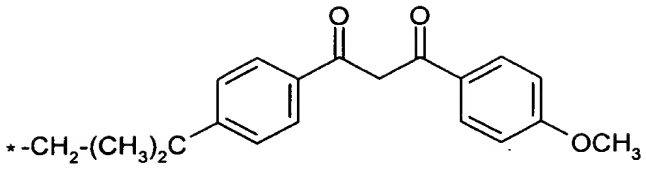

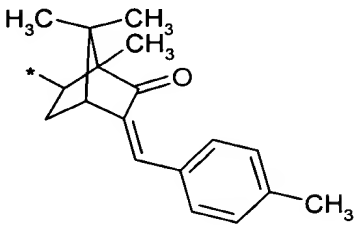

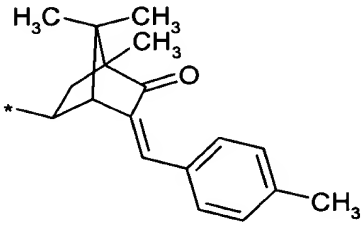

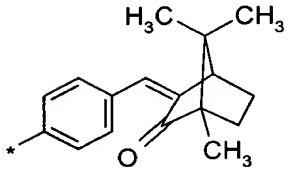

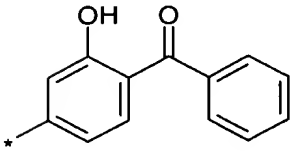

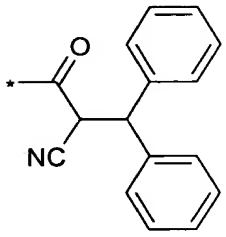

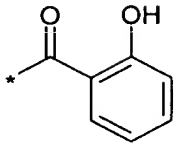

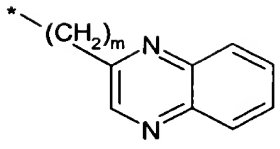

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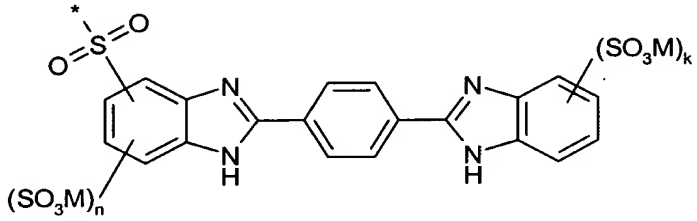

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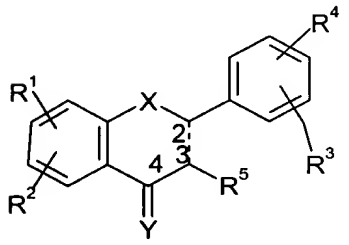
27. (New): In a method of stabilizing a UV filter, the improvement wherein a compound according of formula I is used to stabilize the UV filter



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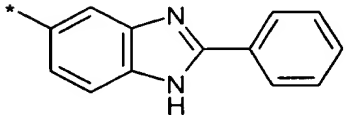

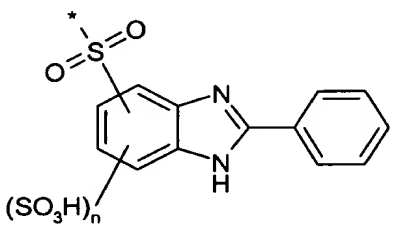

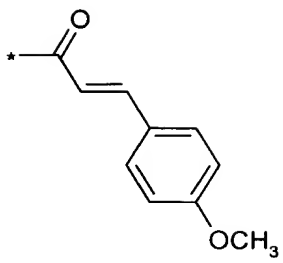

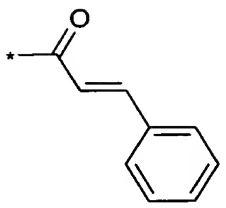

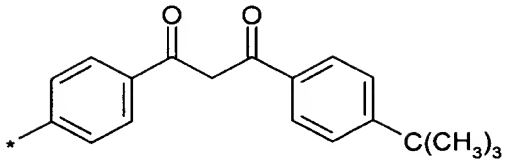

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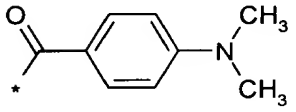

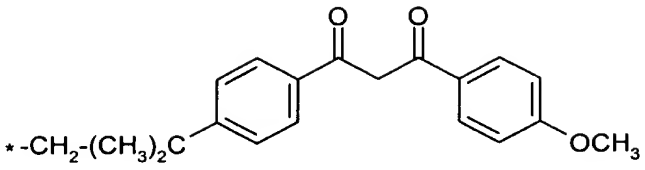

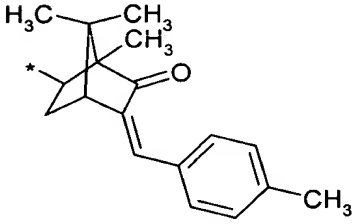

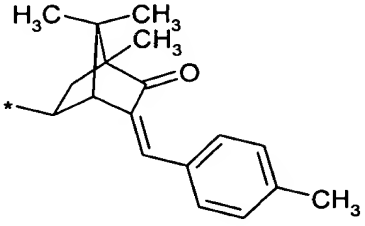

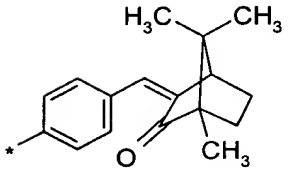

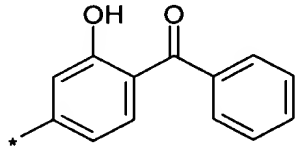

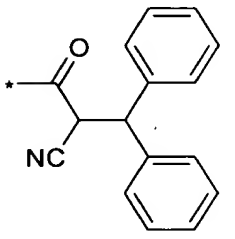

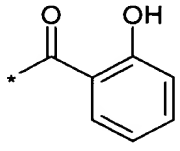

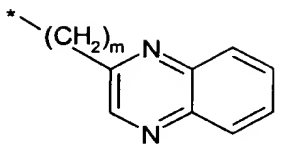

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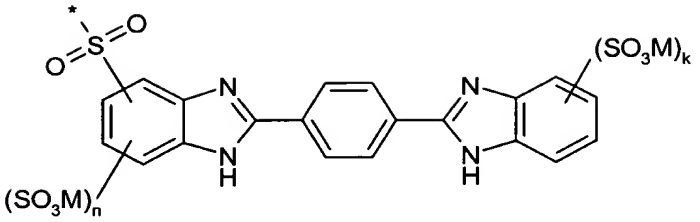


wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

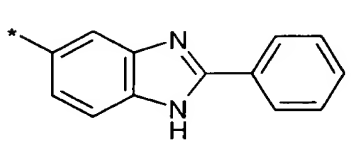
m is 0 or 1,

k is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, and

M is H, Na or K;

and at least one of the groups R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 or R^5 is –OA.

28. (New): A compound according to claim 1, wherein and at least one of the groups R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4 or R^5 is OA in which A is



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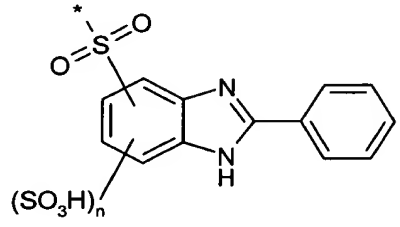

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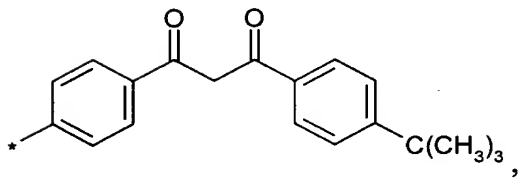

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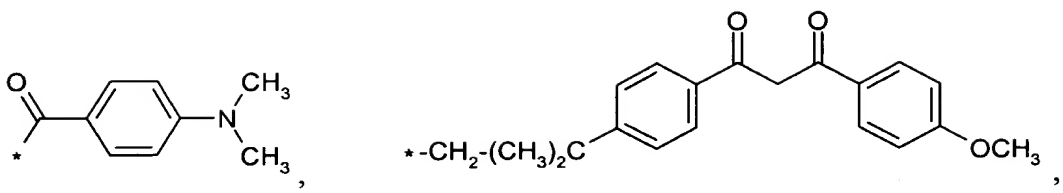

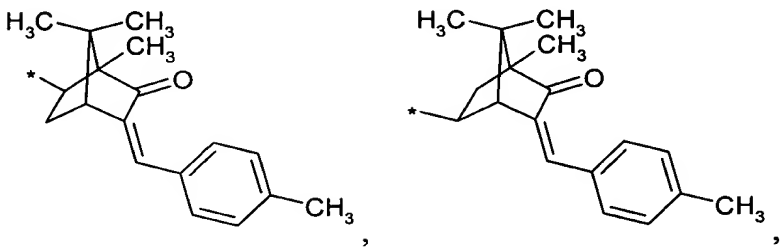

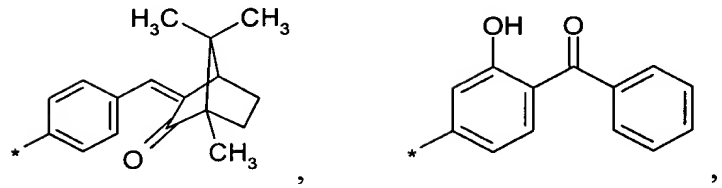

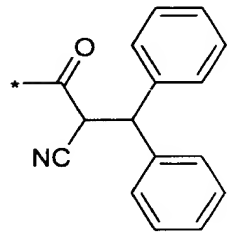

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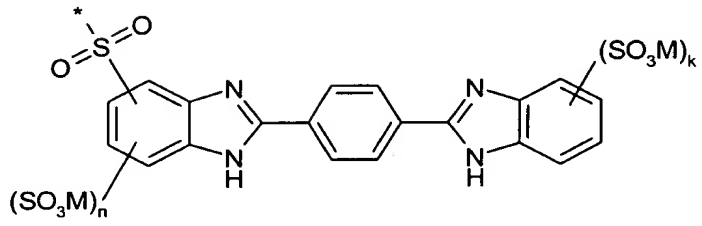

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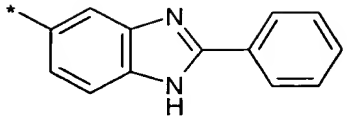
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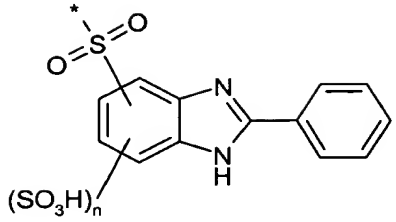
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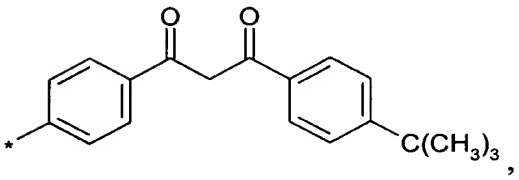
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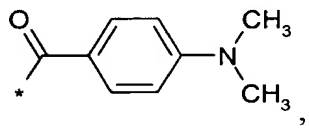
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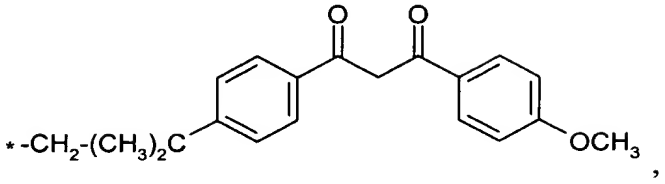
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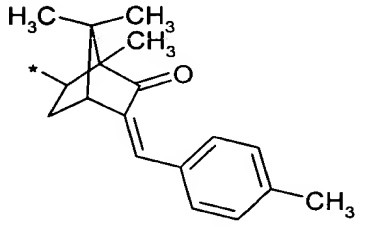
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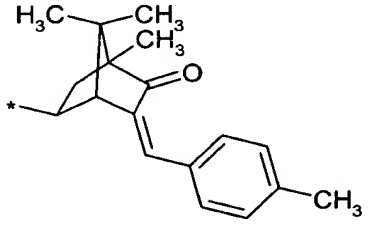
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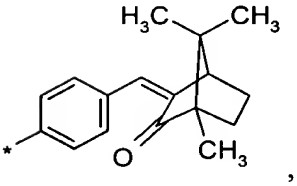
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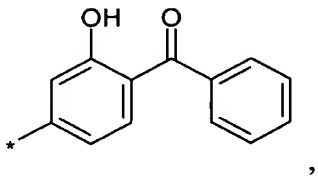
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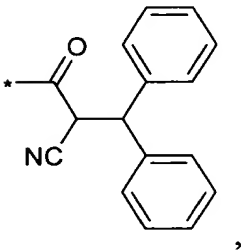
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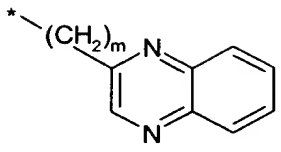

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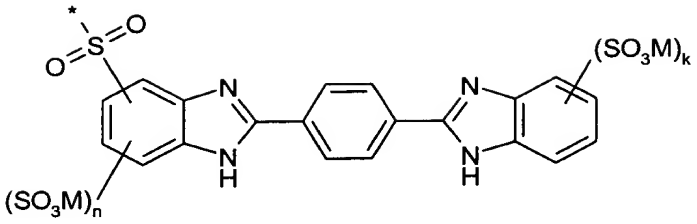
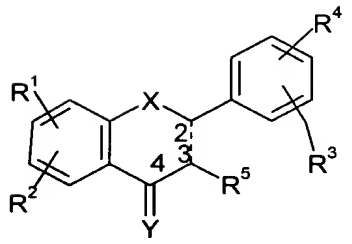


30. (New): A method according to claim 11, wherein said patient is treated for reduction of skin ageing.

31. (New): A method according to claim 12, wherein said patient is treated for reduction of skin ageing.

32. (New): A compound of the formula I



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where

X is O, S or NH;

Y is O, S or NH;

a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

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R^3, R^4 and R^5 may be identical or different and independently of one another are –H, -OH or –OA;

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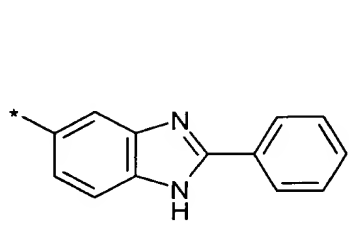

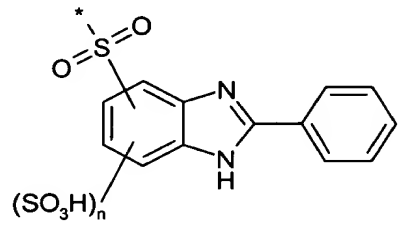

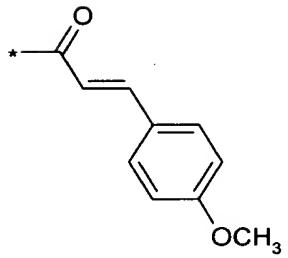

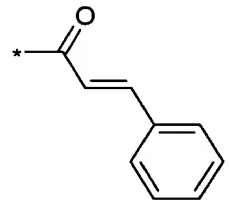

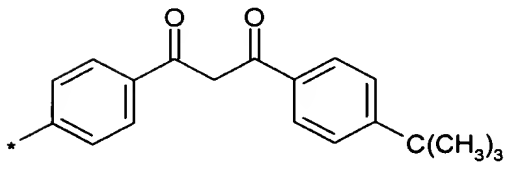

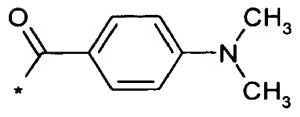

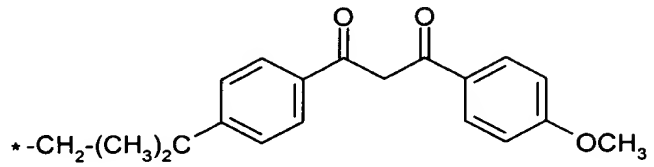

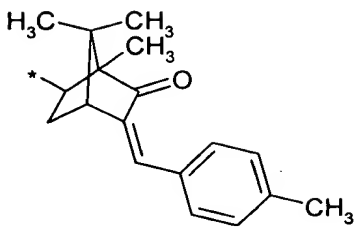
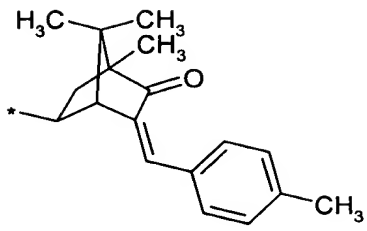
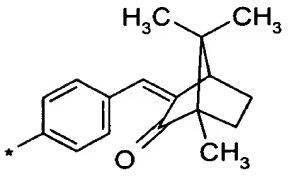
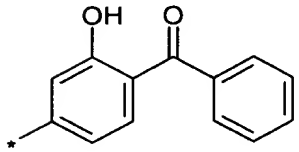
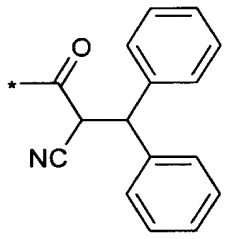
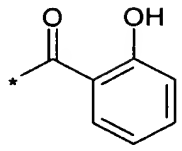

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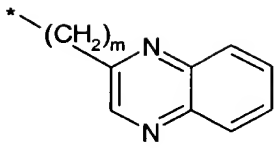

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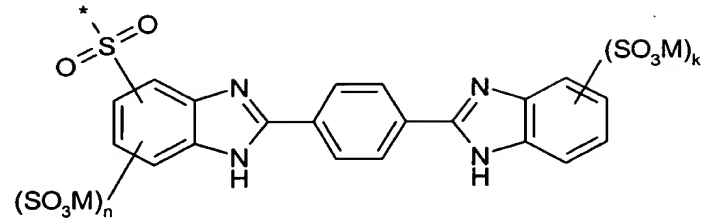

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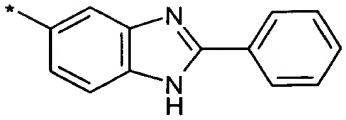
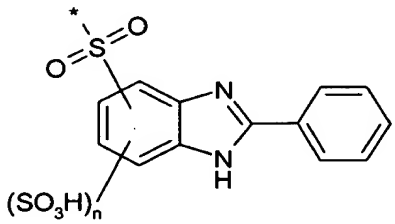

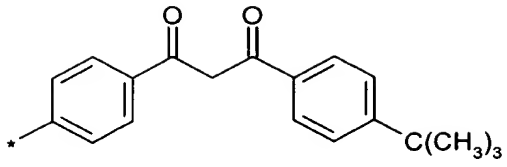

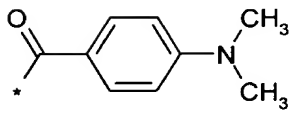

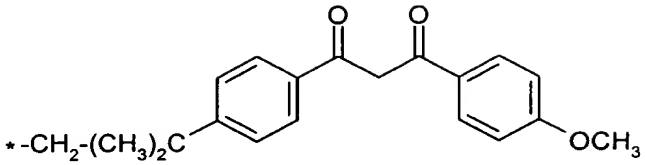

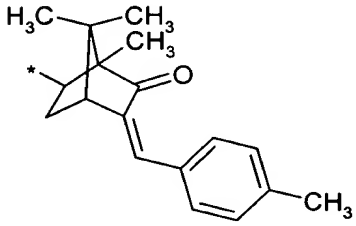

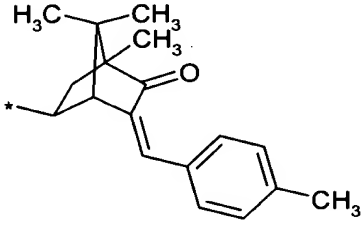

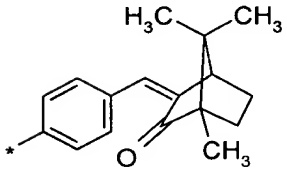

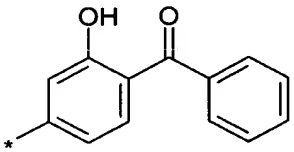

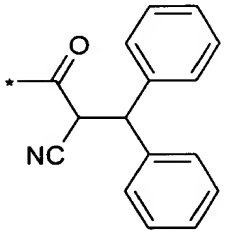

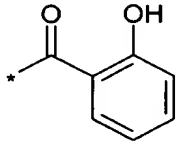

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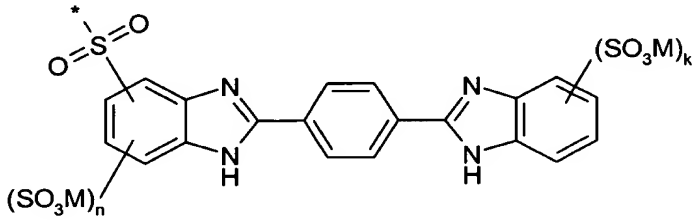

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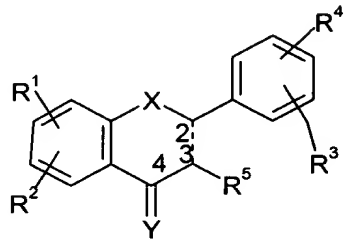

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a single or double bond may be provided between carbons C-2 and C-3;

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R^3, R^4 and R^5 may be identical or different and independently of one another are –H, -OH, –OA, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the

alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical;

R^1 and R^2 may be identical or different and independently of one another are –H, -OH, –OA', a straight-chain or branched oxyalkyl or carboxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched oxyalkenyl or carboxyalkenyl group having 2 to 12 carbon atoms, a straight-chain or branched hydroxyoxyalkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, where the hydroxyl group is bonded to a primary or secondary carbon atom and the alkyl chain is optionally interrupted by oxygen, a sulphate group, a phosphate group, or a mono- or oligoglycosyl radical

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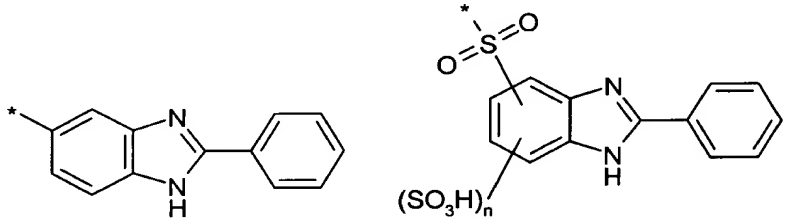

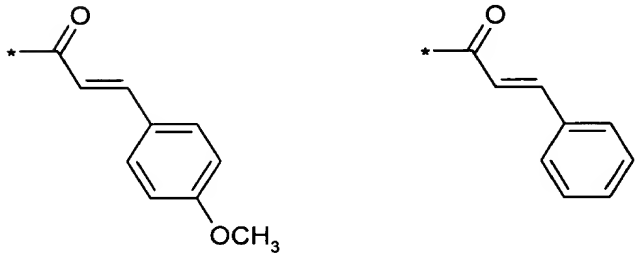

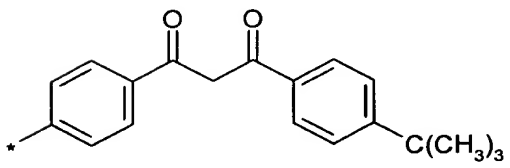

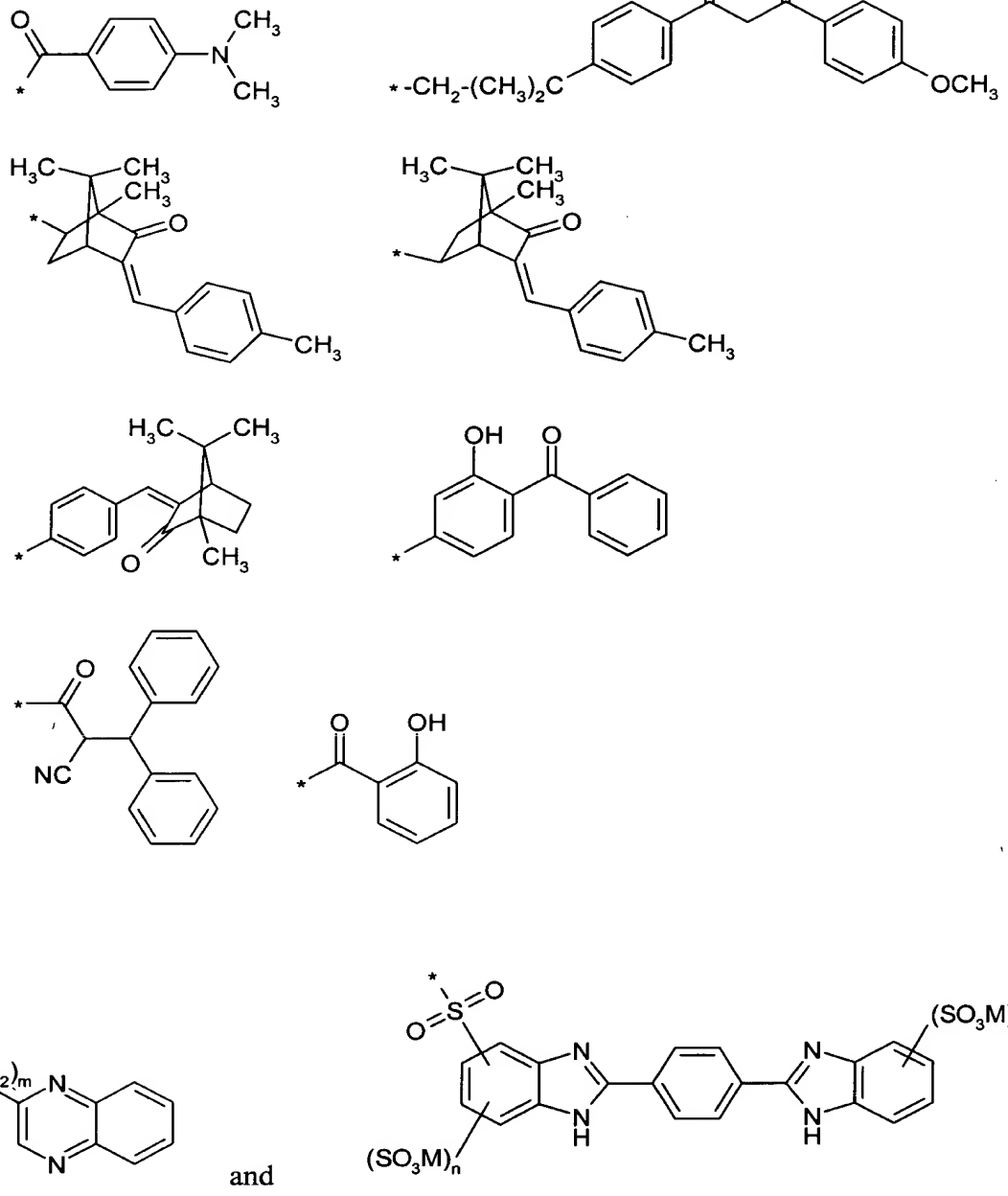

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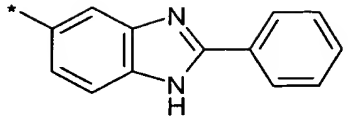

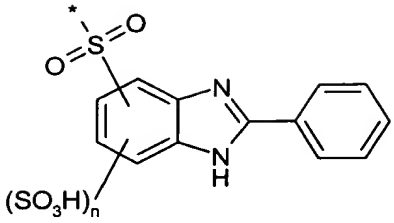

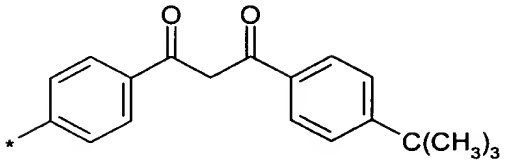

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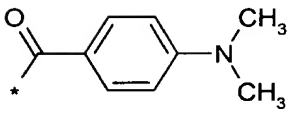

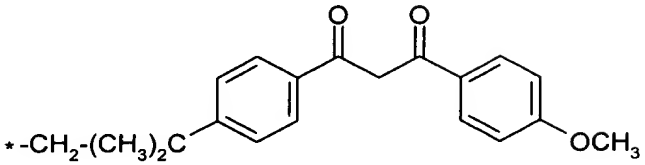

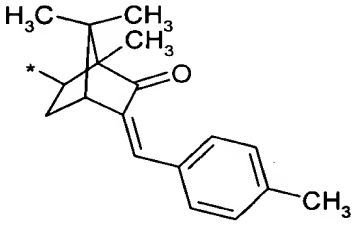

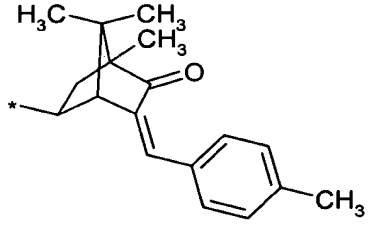

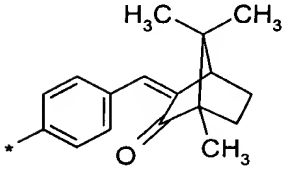

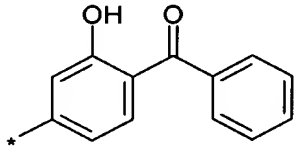

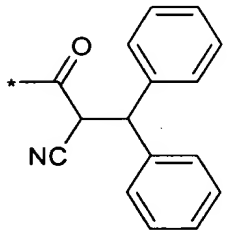

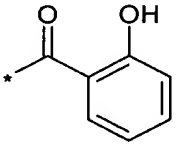

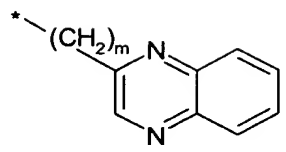

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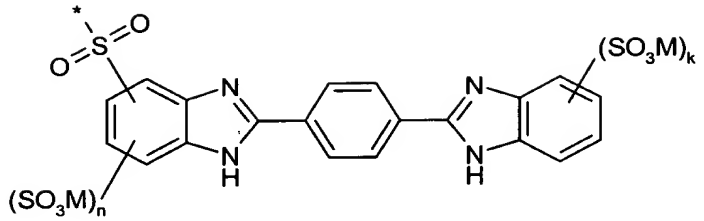

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

m is 0 or 1;

k is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

M is H, Na or K;

wherein at least one of the groups R^3, R^4 and R^5 is –OA or one of the groups R^1 and R^2 is –OA'.